

In addition, the previous speaker pointed out that the President's message, although very comforting to me coming from a coal-producing State like Wyoming, that he does acknowledge that we need clean coal technology, in the very same sentence said we also need cap and trade. And cap and trade is a tax, it will fall primarily on coal, that will send us to other nations to derive our energy. And that, I think, is a step in the wrong direction as well.

Furthermore, the debt that we're taking on will have to be absorbed in large part by other nations. We're already the largest debtor nation in the world. China already owns over \$1 trillion worth of our Treasury notes, our debt. And it must be of great concern to them that we would approach them to buy more of our debt knowing that the consequence of all of this spending will mean we will be paying them back in dollars that are worth less than the dollars that they needed to purchase our U.S. treasuries now. Inflation will be the consequence of all the spending we are doing.

Consequently, I was so hopeful that the President's budget would provide a modicum of discipline and would be flat spending so that the American people will have a chance to see if the stimulus package works before we un-

dertake more government spending to see if the budget that was passed yesterday, the \$410 billion, is responsive to stimulus so we can flatten budgets in the future. But what we saw yesterday is that we're going to increase spending over last year's budget, followed the very next day, today, by even more spending. The levels of spending just get higher and higher, government intervention into the private sector gets higher and higher. The people of this country need us to go shoulder to shoulder with them and exercise the fiscal discipline that they are having to exercise themselves.

Mr. Speaker, again, it's wonderful to see you in the Chair. I thank you for your time.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

- Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, for 5 minutes, today.
- Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.
- Mr. DEFazio, for 5 minutes, today.
- Mr. SCHIFF, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

- Mr. POE of Texas, for 5 minutes, March 5.
- Mr. JONES, for 5 minutes, March 5.
- Mr. WOLF, for 5 minutes, today.
- Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California, for 5 minutes, today.
- Mrs. LUMMIS, for 5 minutes, today.

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The Speaker announced her signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 234. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2105 East Cook Street in Springfield, Illinois, as the "Colonel John H. Wilson, Jr. Post Office Building".

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. LUMMIS. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn. The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 49 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, March 2, 2009, at 12:30 p.m., for morning-hour debate.

EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL

Reports concerning the foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for Speaker-Authorized Official Travel during the fourth quarter of 2008 and the first quarter of 2009 pursuant to Public Law 95-384 are as follows:

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN OCT. 1 AND DEC. 31, 2008

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Juan Lara	12/01	12/02	Rome .....	.....	150.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	150.00
Mike Brinck	12/01	12/02	Rome .....	.....	150.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	150.00
Kingston Smith	12/01	12/02	Rome .....	.....	150.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	150.00
Juan Lara	12/01	12/05	Berlin .....	.....	682.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	682.00
Mike Brinck	12/01	12/05	Berlin .....	.....	682.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	682.00
Kingston Smith	12/01	12/05	Berlin .....	.....	682.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	682.00
Kimberly Ross	12/14	12/17	Rome .....	.....	313.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	313.00
Brian Lawrence	12/14	12/17	Rome .....	.....	313.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	313.00
Kimberly Ross	12/14	12/23	Paris .....	.....	1,071.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,071.00
Brian Lawrence	12/14	12/23	Paris .....	.....	1,071.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,071.00
Committee total .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,264.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,264.00

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.
² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HONORABLE BOB FILNER, Chairman, Feb. 10, 2009.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, THOMAS W. ROSS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JAN. 26 AND JAN. 31, 2009

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Thomas W. Ross, Jr.	1/26	1/30	Kosovo		796.00	.....	10,093.73	.....	.....	.....	10,889.73
	1/30	1/31	Austria		361.00	.....		.....	.....	.....	361.00
Committee total					1,157.00	.....	10,093.73	.....	.....	.....	11,250.73

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.
² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

THOMAS W. ROSS, Jr., Feb. 9, 2009.

(AMENDED) REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN OCT. 1 AND DEC. 31, 2008

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Hon. Gary L. Ackerman	12/12	12/14	Cyprus		306.00		(³)				306.00
	12/14	12/15	Afghanistan		75.00		(³)				75.00
	12/15	12/16	Belgium		425.00		(³)				425.00
David Adams	12/12	12/14	Cyprus		306.00		(³)				306.00
	12/14	12/15	Afghanistan		75.00		(³)				75.00
	12/15	12/16	Belgium		425.00		(³)				425.00
Jasmeet Ahuja	12/11	12/16	Sri Lanka		875.00						875.00
	12/17	12/19	Pakistan		152.00						152.00
	12/11	12/19					*11,382.33				11,382.33
David Beraka	11/30	12/3	Algeria		1,081.00						1,081.00
	12/3	12/6	Tunisia		616.00						616.00
	11/30	12/6					10,412.18				10,412.18
Hon. Howard L. Berman	10/12	10/16	Russia		1,984.00		11,497.37				13,481.37
	12/15	12/19	Israel		1,724.00		9,254.30				10,978.30
Paul Berkowitz	12/1	12/5	Germany		1,760.00						1,760.00
	12/5	12/11	Russia		2,934.00						2,934.00
	12/1	12/11					*9,845.46				9,845.00
Hon. Dan Burton	11/6	11/9	Peru		1,384.12		(³)				1,384.12
	11/9	11/11	Chile		635.56		(³)				635.56
	11/1	11/13	Paraguay		372.37		(³)				372.37
Douglas Campbell	10/12	10/16	Russia		1,984.00		8,872.17				10,856.17
Hon. Russ Carnahan	9/30	10/1	Kosovo		176.00		(³)				176.00
	10/1	10/2	Italy		203.00		(³)				203.00
Joan Condon	12/8	12/9	Belgium		341.00						341.00
	12/9	12/10	Senegal		249.00						249.00
	12/10	12/11	Guinea-Bissau		217.00						217.00
	12/11	12/13	Senegal		551.00						551.00
	12/8	12/13					*11,668.18				11,668.18
Hon. William D. Delahunt	11/30	12/5	Germany		1,886.00						1,886.00
	12/5	12/11	Russia		2,967.00						2,967.00
	12/5	12/11					*9,209.98				9,209.98
Howard Diamond	12/12	12/14	Cyprus		306.00		(³)				306.00
	12/14	12/15	Afghanistan		75.00		(³)				75.00
	12/15	12/16	Belgium		425.00		(³)				425.00
Hon. Eliot L. Engel	11/6	11/9	Peru		1,384.12		(³)				1,384.12
	11/9	11/11	Chile		635.56		(³)				635.56
	11/11	11/13	Paraguay		372.37		(³)				372.37
Hon. F. H. Faleomavaega	12/9	12/10	Samoa		466.00						466.00
	12/10	12/15	Tonga		1,290.00						1,290.00
	12/9	12/15					*1,966.93				1,966.93
Hon. Jeff Flake	12/12	12/14	Cyprus		306.00		(³)				306.00
	12/14	12/15	Afghanistan		75.00		(³)				75.00
	12/15	12/16	Belgium		425.00		(³)				425.00
Lelia Gomez	11/5	11/9	El Salvador		726.00		2,025.30				2,751.30
Dennis Halpin	12/2	12/7	Taiwan		1,250.00		11,059.36				12,309.36
Daniel Harsha	11/13	11/16	Spain		1,281.00		(³)				1,281.00
Hon. Ruben Hinojosa	12/12	12/15	Peru		766.00		(³)				766.00
	12/15	12/16	Chile		319.00		(³)				319.00
	12/16	12/18	Argentina		599.42		(³)				599.42
Hans Hogrefe	11/8	11/13	Ecuador		1,223.00		2,241.30				3,464.30
Eric Jacobstein	11/6	11/9	Peru		1,384.12		(³)				1,384.12
	11/9	11/11	Chile		635.56		(³)				635.56
	11/11	11/13	Paraguay		372.37		(³)				372.37
Jonathan Katz	11/11	11/12	Austria		369.00						369.00
	11/12	11/13	Belgium		425.00						425.00
	11/11	11/13					*7,610.38				7,610.38
	12/2	12/4	Israel		862.00						862.00
	12/4	12/5	Czech Republic		413.48						413.48
	12/2	12/5					*7,904.81				7,904.81
David Killion	11/30	12/3	Tunisia		1,081.00						1,081.00
	12/3	12/6	Algeria		616.00						616.00
	12/6	12/10	France		1,692.00						1,692.00
	11/30	12/10					*10,453.60				10,453.60
Robert King	10/12	10/16	Russia		1,984.00		8,872.17				10,856.17
Sophia King	12/12	12/15	Peru		766.00		(³)				766.00
	12/15	12/16	Chile		319.00		(³)				319.00
	12/16	12/18	Argentina		599.42		(³)				599.42
Hon. Ron Klein	11/13	11/16	Spain		1,281.00		(³)				1,281.00
	12/12	12/14	Cyprus		306.00		(³)				306.00
	12/14	12/15	Afghanistan		75.00		(³)				75.00
	12/15	12/16	Belgium		425.00		(³)				425.00
Jessica Lee	12/2	12/7	Taiwan		1,388.00		11,059.36				12,447.36
Vili Lei	12/4	12/09	Italy		2,475.00		8,260.83				10,735.83
Gregory McCarthy	12/12	12/14	Cyprus		306.00		(³)				306.00
	12/14	12/15	Afghanistan		75.00		(³)				75.00
	12/15	12/16	Belgium		425.00		(³)				425.00
Mary McVeigh	12/2	12/7	Taiwan		1,388.00		11,059.36				12,447.36
Alan Makovsky	12/15	12/23	Israel		3,448.00		7,100.30				10,548.30
Pearl-Alice Marsh	11/9	11/11	Senegal		530.00						530.00
	11/11	11/12	Italy		415.00						415.00
	11/12	11/14	Germany		668.00						668.00
	11/9	11/14					*16,718.35				16,718.35
	12/8	12/9	Belgium		341.00						341.00
	12/9	12/10	Senegal		269.00						269.00
	12/10	12/11	Guinea-Bissau		217.00						217.00
	12/11	12/13	Senegal		551.00						551.00
	12/8	12/13					*11,356.02				11,356.02
Hon. Gregory W. Meeks	11/6	11/10	Colombia		1,499.00		2,341.90				3,840.90
	12/12	12/15	Peru		766.00		(³)				766.00
	12/15	12/16	Chile		319.00		(³)				319.00
	12/16	12/18	Argentina		599.42		(³)				599.42
Hon. Brad Miller	11/6	11/9	Peru		1,384.12		(³)				1,384.12
	11/9	11/11	Chile		635.56		(³)				635.56
	11/11	11/13	Paraguay		372.37		(³)				372.37
Jonathan Cobb Mixter	10/12	10/15	Malaysia		500.00		13,371.44				13,871.44
	12/2	12/7	Taiwan		1,388.00		11,059.36				13,425.51
Taylor Morgan	12/8	12/10	Kazakhstan		679.00						679.00
	12/10	12/12	Kyrgyzstan		562.00						562.00
	12/12	12/16	Uzbekistan		824.00						824.00
	12/16	12/17	United Kingdom		425.00						425.00
	12/8	12/17					*13,570.93				13,570.93
Jim Nichols	12/16	12/20	Poland, Georgia, Iceland		1,495.00		(³)				1,495.00
Elisa Perry	12/5	12/11	Russia		2,967.00		8,770.36				11,737.36
Hon. Ted Poe	11/1	11/2	France		463.00						463.00
	11/2	11/4	Georgia		1,004.00						1,004.00

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Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
	11/2	11/4					413,175.79				13,175.79
	12/15	12/17	Greece		631.00						631.00
	12/17	12/19	Macedonia		373.00						373.00
Peter Quilter	12/15	12/19					411,827.97				11,827.97
	11/6	11/9	Argentina		595.00		3,829.90				4,424.90
	11/9	11/11	Chile		635.56		(³)				635.56
	11/11	11/13	Paraguay		372.37		(³)				372.37
David Richmond	12/4	12/9	Italy		2,475.00		8,260.83				10,735.83
Sheri Rickert	11/24	11/28	Brazil		1,212.00		8,891.30				10,103.30
	12/3	12/6	Russia		1,338.00		8,141.45				9,479.45
Joshua Rogin	11/10	11/12	Austria		738.00						738.00
	11/12	11/13	Belgium		425.00						425.00
	11/10	11/13					48,727.49				8,727.49
Hon. Dana Rohrabacher	12/2	12/5	Germany		1,320.00						1,320.00
	12/5	12/11	Russia		2,867.00						2,867.00
	12/2	12/11					49,283.78				9,283.78
Jule Schoenthaler	11/6	11/9	Peru		1,384.12		(³)				1,384.12
	11/9	11/11	Chile		635.56		(³)				635.56
	11/11	11/13	Paraguay		372.37		(³)				372.37
Daniel Silverberg	12/17	12/18	Pakistan		76.00		10,974.45				11,050.45
Hon. Albio Sires	11/13	11/16	Spain		1,281.00		(³)				1,281.00
Amanda Sloat	10/12	10/16	Russia		1,984.00						1,984.00
	10/16	10/18	Ukraine		708.00						708.00
	10/2	10/18					48,021.48				8,021.48
Hon. Christopher H. Smith	12/15	12/20	Bosnia		1,424.00		9,276.36				10,700.36
Jason Steinbaum	12/3	12/6	Russia		1,338.00		8,141.45				9,479.45
	11/6	11/9	Peru		1,384.12		(³)				1,384.12
	11/9	11/11	Chile		635.56		(³)				635.56
	11/11	11/13	Paraguay		372.37		(³)				372.37
Mark Walker	11/6	11/9	Peru		1,384.12		(³)				1,384.12
	11/9	11/11	Chile		635.56		(³)				635.56
	11/11	11/13	Paraguay		372.37		(³)				372.37
Robyn Wapner	11/6	11/9	Peru		1,384.12		(³)				1,384.12
	11/9	11/11	Chile		635.56		(³)				635.26
	11/11	11/13	Paraguay		372.37		(³)				373.37
Lynne Weil	11/30	12/3	Algeria		826.00						826.00
	12/3	12/7	Tunisia		768.00						768.00
	12/7	12/10	France		1,031.00						1,031.00
	11/9	11/11	Chile		635.56		(³)				635.26
	11/30	12/10					310,428.60				10,428.60
Kristin Wells	11/24	11/28	Brazil		1,212.00		7,563.30				8,775.30
Hon. Robert Wexler	11/11	11/12	Austria		369.00						369.00
	11/12	11/13	Belgium		425.00						425.00
	11/11	11/13					47,610.38				7,610.38
	12/2	12/4	Israel		862.00		310,428.60				862.00
	12/4	12/5	Czech Republic		413.48						413.48
	12/2	12/5					47,904.81				7,904.81
Lisa Williams	12/4	12/9	Italy		2,475.00		8,260.83				10,735.83
Hon. Joe Wilson	12/12	12/14	Cyprus		306.00		(³)				306.00
	12/14	12/15	Afghanistan		75.00		(³)				75.00
	12/15	12/16	Belgium		425.00		(³)				425.00
Brent Woolfork	12/8	12/10	Kazakhstan		679.00						679.00
	12/10	12/12	Kyrgyzstan		562.00						562.00
	12/12	12/16	Uzbekistan		824.00						824.00
	12/16	12/17	United Kingdom		425.00						425.00
Hon. Lynn C. Woolsey	12/8	12/17					413,570.93				13,570.93
	11/13	11/16	Spain		1,281.00		(³)				1,281.00
Committee total					119,932.55		412,835.13		14,118.16		546,885.84

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.

² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

³ Military air transportation.

⁴ Round trip airfare.

⁵ Indicates delegation costs.

HONORABLE HOWARD L. BERMAN, Chairman, Feb. 5, 2009.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

685. A letter from the Director, Program Dev. And Regulatory Analysis, Rural Development Utilities Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amending the Water and Waste Program Regulations (RIN: 0572-AC11) received February 24, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

686. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Grapes Grown in a Designated Area of Southeastern California and Imported Table Grapes; Change in Regulatory Periods [Doc. No.: AMS-FV-06-0184; FV03-925-1IFR] received February 17, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

687. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's report on the

evaluation of the Polytrauma Liaison/Non-commissioned Officer Program, pursuant to Section 1665 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008; to the Committee on Armed Services.

688. A letter from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's report on the Family Subsistence Supplemental Allowance (FSSA) program, pursuant to 37 U.S.C. 402a(f); to the Committee on Armed Services.

689. A letter from the Chief Counsel, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Suspension of Community Eligibility [Docket ID: FEMA-2008-0020; Internal Agency Docket No.: FEMA-8057] received February 17, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

690. A letter from the Chief Counsel, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Final Flood Elevation Determinations [Docket ID: FEMA-2008-0020] received February 17, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C.

801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

691. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of the Treasury, transmitting notification of an investment made by the Department through the Capital Purchase Program (CPP); to the Committee on Financial Services.

692. A letter from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — INTERACTIVE DATA FOR MUTUAL FUND RISK/RETURN SUMMARY [Release Nos.: 33-9006, 34-59391, 39-2462, IC-2861; File Number S7-12-08] (RIN: 3235-AK13) received February 24, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

693. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Energy, transmitting notification of the Department's intentions to increase the ceiling dollar amounts of the Department of Energy's (DOEs) expiring energy savings performance contracts, pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 253(c)(7); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.